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SUBJECT: MATANZIMA PRESS CONFERENCE: BOTHA SIGCAU TO BE

TRANSKEI PRESIDENT

REF: DUBAN 508

1. TRANSKEI CHIEF MINISTER KAISER MATANZIMA, SPEAKING
WITH NEWSMEN IN HIS UMTATA OFFICE OCTOBER 19 ADDRESSED
SEVERAL ITEMS OF TOPICAL INTEREST:

A. MATANZIMA SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO SEE TRANSKEI
DEVELOP AS SINGLE PARTY STATE AS HAD HAPPENED ELSEWHERE
IN AFRICA. HE WISHED TO MAINTAIN "DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF
HAVING MANY PARTIES AND HAVING ELECTIONS EVERY FIVE YEARS".
AT SAME TIME HE SAID ANY "UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT" WOULD BE
FIRMLY SUPPRESSED AND REPEATED HIS EARLIER STATEMENT THAT
OPPOSITION POLITICIANS ARRESTED DURING RECENT PARLIAMENTARY
CAMPAIGN WOULD BE PROSECUTED (REFTEL).

B. TRANSKEI CITIZENSHIP: MATANZIMA REPEATED HIS
VIEWS THAT THE TRANSKEI HAD NO DIFFICULTY OVER CITIZENSHIP
OF XHOSAS IN SOUTH AFRICA WHOM THE SAG MAINTAINS WILL
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AUTOMATICALLY BECOME TRANSKEI CITIZENS AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

MATANZIMA SAID "CITIZENSHIP IS OUR OWN AFFAIR OUR CONSTITUTION IS CLEAR."

C. MATANZIMA SAID TRANSKEI WOULD ESTABLISH ITS OWN ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER AND CONSIDER PREVENTING OTHER ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPERS FROM CIRCULATING IN TRANSKEI, POST-INDEPENDENCE. THIS, HE SAID, WAS TO COUNTER "HATRED" OF SOUTH AFRICAN ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS FOR MATANZIMA FAMILY.

D. MATANZIMA CONFIRMED THAT CASE OF TWO BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN ACTORS, JOHN KANI AND WINSTON NTSHONA, HAD BEEN REFERRED TO TRANSKEI STATE ATTORNEY FOR FURTHER DETERMINATION.

2. ALSO ON OCTOBER 19, CAUCUS OF TRANSKEI NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY (TNIP) ELECTED PARAMOUNT CHIEF BOTHA SIGCAU AS ITS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY OF INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI. SINCE TNIP CONTROL 143 SEATS OF 150-MAN TRANSKEI LEGISLATURE, THIS ASSURES THAT SIGCAU WILL BE ELECTED PRESIDENT. SIGCAU HEADS 24-MEMBER DELEGATION OF MP'S FROM EASTERN PONDOLAND AND HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED KAISER MATANZIMA INCLUDING IN 1963 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION IN WHICH LATTER ROSE TO BECOME TRANSKEI'S CHIEF MINISTER. SIGCAU IS 63 YEARS OLD; HIS DAUGHTER CURRENTLY IS TRANSKEI INTERIOR MINISTER. (BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON CHIEF SIGCAU POUCHED DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 20.)
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